

# TCU THIS WEEK

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## Smiths' \$10.5 million to entrepreneurship center is largest gift by non-alumni donor

STEPHEN R. AND SARAH SMITH, PARENTS of two TCU students, kicked off family weekend Thursday by announcing that their family foundation will give the University \$10.5 million for a building to house the M.J. Neeley School of Business' James A. Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. The gift is the largest TCU has ever received from non-alumni.

Groundbreaking for the building, to be called the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall, is scheduled for summer 2001 with completion in fall 2002.

Steve Smith, an Austin developer and former vice president of marketing for Dallas-based Excel Communications, pursued various entrepreneurial interests before carving a niche in the business world by developing Excel's marketing structure. In 1998, Excel was ranked as the fifth-largest long distance telephone provider in the U.S. and was purchased last year by Montreal-based Teleglobe Inc. Smith also recently made headlines when he purchased the small Texas town of Lajitas in the Big Bend area.

"We see a real sincerity at TCU for furthering some of the same principles we believe in," said Smith. "Entrepreneurship is maybe one of the most important ways we can inject independence back into people, show them a way to strike out on their own and depend on themselves for getting ahead."

Initial design plans for the building call for the development of an environment that is conducive to the creative entrepreneurial process. The facility will reflect an "idea lab" with classrooms containing large quantities of white board space for design development (similar to advertising and architectural firms), moveable interior walls for team project development and computerized audio-visual tools for electronic presentations. Fiber optics, computer labs and on- and off-campus videoconferencing capabilities are among the early considerations for technological use in the building. Parts of the facility will be set aside for executive education classrooms and conference space for professional entrepreneurs.

"Our understanding is that there are less than five universities with buildings

dedicated to entrepreneurship studies," said **David Minor**, director of the Ryffel Center, which is currently housed on the second floor of the M.J. Neeley School of Business. "This building puts us in an elite category and further enhances our ability to provide extensive programming for business students and professionals."

"It's wonderful to have parents like the Smiths on board who value education and have such an extensive background in entrepreneurship," said **Bob Lusch**, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business. "It shows that we are gaining support from a very significant audience as we strive to develop business students who are equipped with the skills necessary to succeed in today's business world."

The James A. Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies launched in the fall of 1999 with an initial \$2 million gift from the estate of Houston businessman William Dickey. It was named in March of this year for TCU alumnus James A. Ryffel who, along with his wife, Linda, donated \$5 million for the continued development of the center. ♦

### ***The Commission on the Future of TCU completes its task tomorrow***

FOR NEARLY A YEAR, 500 PEOPLE have been gathering in task forces and committees to discuss the University's projects and priorities for the next few decades. The official duties of *The Commission on the Future of TCU* will conclude tomorrow at noon when the group reconvenes for a closing luncheon in the Student Center ballroom.

TCU alumnus and CBS news anchor Bob Schieffer, chairman of *The Commission*, will address the group. *Commission* findings have been compiled into a final report which **Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari** will highlight for the group. Although printed copies will be given to *Commission* members, all faculty and staff will be able to access an online version by mid-week, according to **Larry Lauer**, vice chancellor for marketing and

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## EVENTS

### **Today - Oct. 27**

Artist Pamela Mahaffy displays ceramic sculpture, Moudy exhibition hall.

### **Today**

Chi Delta Mu sponsored by the religion dept. will meet at noon in the Student Center room 205-6, speaker is **Dr. Kenneth Richardson**; topic is "Similarities Among Mathematics, Art and Religion," \$6 cash or meal card. Call ext. 7440 for more information.

### **Oct. 10-12**

Yearbook photos, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 1:30 - 2 p.m. special faculty/staff time, Student Center. Call ext. 7606 for more information.

### **Oct. 10**

*The Commission on the Future of TCU* closing luncheon, noon, Student Center ballroom.

History department presents Dr. Lowell Gudmundson, professor of history and director of Latin American Studies at Mount Holyoke College, 2 p.m., Reed Hall, rm. 117. He will lecture on the history of the coffee industry.

### **Oct. 11**

KinoMonda Film Series, *Fires on the Plain* (Japan 1959), 8 p.m., Sid Richardson, lecture hall 1. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

### **Oct. 12**

RTVF Film Series *Red River* (1948) starring John Wayne and Montgomery Clift, 7 p.m., Moudy Bldg, room 164S. Call ext. 7630.

### **Oct. 13**

Human Resources has invited Art Hanna of the Pension Fund of the Christian Church to meet with individual faculty and staff between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Student Center. Call ext. 7790 for an appointment.

Annual Fall Break Golf Tournament, tee times begin at 12:30 p.m., \$35 includes green fees, carts, range balls, snacks, prizes, etc. Call ext. 7529 for registration and information.

Frog Club Luncheon, noon, Kelly Center, \$10 per person, no reservations, seating for 225, speakers are **Coach Fran** and **Sandy Troutt**. Call ext. 7700 for more information.

Women's Soccer - TCU vs. San Jose State, 3 p.m., Garvey Rosenthal Soccer Field.\*

Volleyball - TCU vs. UTEP, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.\*

RTVF's special RetroFest 2000 Series celebrating the 1960s - Film: *Bonnie And Clyde* (1967) starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway, 7:30 p.m., Moudy 164S. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

### **Oct. 14**

Volleyball - TCU vs. Rice, 7 p.m., Rickel Bldg.\*

### **Oct. 15**

Women's Soccer - TCU vs. Fresno State, noon, Garvey Rosenthal Soccer Field.\*

### **Oct. 16**

Violin/viola recital featuring **Misha Galaganov**, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. Call ext. 7602 for more information.

\*Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967.

(Commission from front)

communication and director of *The Commission*. You'll find the report at [www.future.tcu.edu](http://www.future.tcu.edu).

TCU faculty and staff have served as facilitators for the 17 task forces that met over the course of the year.

The committee assignments were: Undergraduate Experience, **Don Mills** (vice chancellor); Graduate Education, **Alan Shepard** (English); Technology, **Charles Williams** (economics); Distinctive Programs, **Sandra Ware** (admissions); Community & Strategic Alliances, **Bob Seal** (library); Global Positioning Priorities, **Larry Adams** (vice chancellor); The Role of Athletics, **Eric Hyman** and **Marcy Girton** (athletics).

Also Alumni Relationships, **Kristi Hoban** (alumni); AddRan College of Humanities & Social Sciences, **Richard Enos** (English); College of Science & Engineering, **Mike McCracken** (AddRan); College of Fine Arts, **John Burton** (School of Music); College of Communication, **David Whillock** (College of Communication); M.J. Neeley School of Business, **Bill Moncrief** (Neeley School); School of Education, **Joel Mitchell** (education); College of Health & Human Sciences, **Rhonda Keen-Payne** (College of Health & Human Sciences); Brite Divinity School, **Leo Purdue** and **Diane Cooper** (Brite) and Ranch Management, **Jim Link** (ranch management). ♦

## RIBBON CUTTING

You are invited to  
the official opening of  
"Bistro Burnett"  
Coffee Bar  
in the foyer of  
Margy Coats Burnett Library  
3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11  
Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari  
will officiate

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## Faculty Center menus

**Monday, Oct. 9**

Beef stew  
Brown rice  
Kernel corn

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

Chicken tetrazzini  
Oven-brown potatoes  
Lentil, rice, spinach pilaf

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

Chopped steak w/onions  
Garlic mashed potatoes  
Corn cob-ettes

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

Fiesta steak  
Black-eyed peas  
Wild rice

**Friday, Oct. 13**

Chicken breast Florentine  
Garlic oven-roasted potatoes  
Italian blend

## KUDOS

The second edition of *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* will be published next month with two TCU School of Music faculty members among its contributors. **Michael Meckna** submitted 70 entries, and **Joe Butler** (University organist) submitted three entries.

Mike and Joe joined music scholars from nearly 100 countries who contributed some 30,000 articles to this distinguished publication.

Music majors know *The Grove Dictionary* as the most reliable general music research source. It was first published in 1878 and went through several editions before the first edition of *The New Grove* in 1980. The hardbound version is 29 volumes and is priced at \$4,850. There is also an online edition at \$650 per year.

## NEW FACES

**Patty Beegle** has been hired as an administrative assistant at Miller Speech & Hearing Clinic. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration and formerly worked at TYMCO, Inc.

**Donnie Bryeans** is the newest officer to join TCU Police. He formerly worked at Westcreek Service Center.

**Mary Bunnell** has joined the Institute of Behavioral Research as an associate researcher. She has an M.A. degree in social science and was previously employed by the Colorado Department of Corrections.

**Terri Flynn** has been hired as a registrar's assistant in the registrar's office. She is a December 1999 graduate of Texas Wesleyan University with a B.A. degree in psychology.

**Betty Rackstraw** is a new service assistant in facility services. She is a former Fort Worth ISD employee.

**Kiesha R. Shelton** is the new administrative research coordinator for TRIO Programs. She received her B.S. degree in social work from TCU and is currently working on her master's degree at UTA.

## DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to **Joe Lusk** (printing services) in the loss of his mother, Myrtle Lusk-Kuenkel, on Sept. 24 in Iowa. Services were held Sept. 28 at the First Baptist Church in Osage, IA.

Sympathy is extended to **Pam Wood** (library) in the loss of her mother, Delphine Mendoza, of Canton, TX. Services were held Sept. 23 in Galveston.

Sympathy is also extended to **Jo Klemm** (library, retired) in the death of her mother, Almira Ruth Holladay. Services were held Sept. 18 in Canyon, TX.

Condolences are extended to **Pat Austin** (library) in the loss of her mother, Mary E. Mullins, of Cambridge, MA.

Condolences are also extended to **Richard Oliver** (residential services) in the death of his mother, Lavenia Belle Oliver, on Sept. 28 in Fort Worth. Funeral service was held Oct. 2 at Shannon's North.

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1992 Honda Accord LX. Black w/ gray interior, well-maintained, good condition, 150K mi., primary family vehicle, \$3200. Call John Folmar at ext. 6465.

FOR SALE: '91 Cadillac, Sedan de Ville, 4-dr, security alarm system, air bag and tinted windows, good condition, best offer. Call Pat after 4:30 p.m. at ext. 7715.

FOR SALE: '99 Acura Integra GS, 3-dr., ac, am/fm/cd, moonroof, rear spoiler, green exterior, tan cloth interior, 12K mi., power steering, windows, locks, tilt, cruise control, dual airbags, ABS, alloy wheels. Call ext. 6928 to see.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Oct. 4. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Controller - Financial Services  
Dir. of Admissions Marketing - Admissions, Marketing & Comm.  
Director of Compliance - Athletics  
Assistant Director of the Tennis Center - Athletics  
Director of Theological Library - Brite Divinity School  
Post-Doctoral Fellow - Chemistry  
Hall Director - Residential Services  
Administrative Assistant - Social Work  
Administrative Assistant - Career Services  
Data Control Specialist - Development Information Services  
Police Officer - Campus Police  
Security Guard - Campus Police  
Craft Technician / HVAC Control Center - Physical Plant  
Craft Technician / Painter - Physical Plant  
Craft Technician / Electrician - Physical Plant  
Craft Technician / General Maintenance - Physical Plant  
Horticultural Supervisor - Physical Plant  
Irrigation System Specialist - Physical Plant  
Groundskeeper - Physical Plant  
Service Assistant - Residential Services  
Service Assistant - Facility Services  
Service Assistant / 75% - Facility Services  
Service Assistant - University Services